

REMARKS

In the drawings, Fig. 38 is being amended to remove the shading. Figs. 31, 38, 39 and 40 which were submitted on September 29, 2003 are being redrawn to avoid the objections raised by the Examiner. The corrected drawings will be forwarded to the Examiner as soon as they are received from the Draftsperson.

Claims 1, 11 and 12 are amended to avoid the informalities noted by the Examiner. More specifically, in Claim 1 the term "arm" is cancelled from line 19 and inserted into line 20. In claim 11, the identified phrase in lines 13-14 is cancelled. In claim 12, line 32, "an" is changed to --and--.

The Examiner's objection to claims 1-12 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which is not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention is traversed. Specifically, the Examiner asserts that the specification fails to describe a screw terminal used with a rocker section having a double throw switch and third and fourth contacts of a screw terminal, (underscoring added for emphases.

The use of a terminal such as a screw terminal; a rivet or solder type of terminal; a wire wrap terminal; a clamp terminal or the like to electrically connect a switch contact to a conductor is well known to a person skilled in the art. In our application, Figs. 8-12 show a clamping terminal connected to a contact. Figs. 33-40 show a contact which, in addition to being connected to a clamping terminal, is also connected to a screw terminal. In another embodiment, a contact is connected to a terminal which is permanently connected to a conductor by soldering, welding, braising, etc. Referring to Figs. 5 and 20, a conductor is inserted through opening 98 and soldered to terminal tab 212 to electrically connect a conductor to the contacts. Clearly, in place of the rivet which is inserted in opening 200 (Fig. 5) and opening 206 (Fig. 20), a screw terminal can be used to electrically connect a conductor to the contacts 248, 250. Applicants submit that it is well within the knowledge of those skilled in the art to substitute a screw terminal for the rivet to electrically couple a conductor to the contacts, and that the contact can be either a fixed contact or a movable contact.

Applicants have clearly disclosed the structure of a terminal. What the Examiner asserts is that a "screw" type of terminal is not disclosed. The inclusion of the identifier "screw" in front of the term terminal is practicing the prior art. However, if the Examiner still believes that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112 is valid, then Applicants are of the opinion that removal of the modifying term "screw" from the claims will place the claims in condition for allowance.

Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance and respectfully requests early and favorable action by the Examiner. If the Examiner believes that an unresolved issue still exists, she is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned attorney at her early convenience.

The commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for the amendment after final, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 12-1185.

In the event that an extension of time is required to make this Amendment timely filed, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to deposit Account No. 12-1185.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul J. Sutton', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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